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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Mysore City Municipal Council for the year 1928-29.

READ—

Report on the working of the Mysore City Municipal Council for the year 1928-29, received with the President's Letter No. G. T. 761, dated 1st November 1929.

ORDER No. L. 6516-19—ML. 149-29-15, DATED 10TH MARCH 1930.

Recorded.

2. *Constitution.*—At the beginning of the year, the Municipal Council consisted of an Official President nominated by Government and 28 Councillors against the sanctioned strength of 30 Members. Regulation III of 1929, which was passed on 2nd January 1929, having removed the disqualification of women for being appointed as Municipal Councillors, a lady was for the first time appointed as a Member of the Municipal Council for the remaining seat later on. Mr. T. G. Rama Iyer, B.A., continued to be the Official President till 24th April 1929 when Mr. Y. Ramaswamy, B.A., C.E., was appointed President and continued as such, without prejudice to his duties as Municipal Engineer till the end of the year.

3. *Meetings.*—The Council held 12 ordinary and 2 special meetings. The average attendance of the members at the meetings was 20, against 21 in the previous year.

4. *Committees.*—All the eight Committees constituted in accordance with the rules made under Section 46 (a) of the Municipal Regulation worked during the year.

5. *Rules and Bye-laws.*—Sanction was accorded during the year to the rules for the reduction of Octori duty on tobacco and groundnuts and also to the bye-laws for the regulation, licensing and inspection of bakeries, sweetmeat shops, hotels, restaurants, tea and coffee houses, manufactories of ice and aerated waters and private meat stalls.

6. *Finance.*—The total income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 6,38,111 and Rs. 6,18,248 against Rs. 5,19,777 and Rs, 6,21,852 respectively, during the previous year. There was a fall of nearly Rs. 20,000 in the income from Octroi owing to the reduction in the rates of duty on groundnuts, jaggory and sugar. But this was made up by recovery of large arrears of water rate, under which the income amounted to Rs. 65,590 against Rs. 17,540 in the previous year. The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 3-5-8 against Rs. 3-9-9 in the previous year. The cash balance of the Municipal Council which stood at Rs. 14,014 on the 1st July 1928, increased by the end of the year to Rs. 33,877. But this indicates no real improvement in the financial condition of the Municipality. Investments to the extent of Rs. 34,481 were withdrawn during the year and used partly for financing productive undertakings and partly for meeting current expenditure. The liabilities of the Municipal Council to the several Government Departments increased in the course of the year from Rs. 40,000 to over Rs. 80,000 while a sum of Rs. 12,000 was due for payment on incomplete works. It is true that taxes and other dues recoverable by the Municipality were in the aggregate sufficient to discharge all these liabilities but it is only by strenuous efforts in the collection of these amounts that the finances of the Municipal Council could be restored to a satisfactory condition. On more than one occasion, Government have had to impress this upon the notice of the Municipal Council and it is hoped that the President and the Council will take adequate steps in the matter.

In this connection, Government also wish to observe that the sum of about Rs. 40,000 which has been accumulated towards the discharge of the loan taken from Government has been invested in the Mysore Bank as a fixed deposit carrying interest at 4½ per cent. It is suggested for the consideration of the Council whether it is not to their interest to pay back this amount to Government and reduce the loan to Government on which the Council have to pay interest at 7 per cent.

7. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The total demand for the year under all heads including the arrears of Rs. 74,459 was Rs. 4,28,593 against Rs. 4,51,094 in the previous year. The total collection amounted to Rs. 3,50,925 against Rs. 3, 67,927 in the previous year. The balance at the end of the year after deducting a sum of Rs. 844 which was written off the accounts as irrecoverable, amounted to Rs. 76,824 against Rs. 74,459 in the previous year.

The arrears under taxes on immoveable properties amounted to Rs. 59,443 out of which a sum of Rs. 28,439 or 48 per cent was collected. Out of the new demand of Rs. 94,889 a sum of Rs. 65,949 or 69 per cent was recovered. Under taxes on vehicles and animals, a sum of Rs. 640 was collected out of the arrears of Rs. 4,397. The arrears under other items amounted to Rs. 7,808.

8. *Public Works.*—The expenditure incurred on Public Works was Rs. 1, 39,506 of which Rs. 40,899 was on original works and Rs. 92,0 1 was on repairs of roads and buildings and the rest on establishments and tools and plant. The balance of Rs. 10,071 out of the loan of Rs. 2 lakhs sanctioned for financing the market schemes was drawn during the year and a sum of Rs. 22,183 was spent for the improvement of the Devaraj Mandi and Vani Vilas Markets.

9. *Water Supply and Maintenance.*—The control of water supply continued to be under the management of the Public Works Department. On the recommendation of a sub-committee, the Municipal Council resolved that the flat rate for house connections be reduced from 5 to 4 per cent of the letting value of the houses and that the control of water works be handed over to the Municipal Council. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

10. *Conservancy.*—With the co-operation of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board, measures were undertaken to lead the sewage of dwelling houses to the underground system.

11. *Public Health.*—No disease assumed an epidemic form during the year. Two thousand one hundred and seventy-seven births and 2,644 deaths were registered during

the year against 2,627 births and 3,574 deaths respectively in the previous year. The number of deaths from Cholera, Small-pox and Plague was nine, 14 and 74 against one, 663 and 149 respectively in the previous year. Three thousand three hundred and twenty-six persons were vaccinated against 23,080 in the previous year. The high figure under the number of persons vaccinated last year was due to the prevalence of small-pox in an epidemic form and the consequent precautionary measures taken to combat the same.

12. *Sewage Farm.*—The control of the Sewage Farm was transferred from Government Garden's Department to the Municipal Council during the year.

13. *Public Instruction.*—With the help of a subsidy from Government, the Municipal Council continued to maintain 18 Municipal Schools with a strength of 2,516 pupils and paid grants to 4 night schools and 6 Wesleyan Mission Schools. The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 30,357 against Rs. 30,279 in the previous year. Of the expenditure incurred, a sum of Rs. 15,000, was met from the Municipal Fund and the rest was contributed by the Government.

14. *Audit of Accounts.*—The Audit Committee consisting of three members audited the accounts. The system of pre-audit was continued.

15. The Municipal Administration continued to be satisfactory on the whole.

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DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Middle School Examination.

READ—

Government Order No. D 7442—Edn. 276-27-2, dated 23rd January 1930, approving among others the following revised rule for Mysore Middle School and Lower Secondary examinations regarding private candidates.

> II (b) ii—"Boy candidates who have appeared once at least for the Middle School examination as school candidates or the English Lower Secondary examination (under the old rules) and failed may appear for the Middle School examination as private candidates."

2. Letter No. E.2 1751 of 28-29 dated 7th November 1929, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, proposing a revision of the rule referred to in the Government Order read above so as to permit boy candidates to appear by private study for the Middle School examination even though they may not have studied in a recognised Middle School.

ORDER NO. D. 9987—EDN. 446-29-2, DATED 5TH MARCH 1930.

Under the existing rule, no boy candidate can appear for the Middle School examination for the first time by private study. The Director of Public Instruction states that this restriction is felt as a great hardship in the case of boys who wish to appear for the Middle School examination but have had no opportunities of attending a school, particularly boys living in rural areas where there are no Middle Schools, unless they are prepared at a tender age to migrate at considerable expense and risk to localities where such schools exist. The question was discussed by the Local Examinations Board at their meeting held on 2nd November 1928 and a special committee consisting of some members of the Local Examinations Board, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council, was appointed to go into the matter and to place its recommendation before the Board. This committee after a consideration of all aspects of the case, recommended a slight amendment in the rule so as to permit the admission of boy candidates to the Mysore Middle School examination by private study, provided they obtained the permission of the President of the Local Examinations